

Rail Shipments

Rail Waybill Data, 1988-1992

Abstract

This database contains public-use, aggregate, non-confidential rail shipment data such as origin and destination points, type of commodity, number of cars, tons, revenue, length of haul, participating railroads, and interchange locations. The data are based on the Carload Waybill Sample, which is a proprietary sample of freight waybills that were submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission (now the Surface Transportation Board) by Class I Railroads.

Source of Data

Class I Railroads.

Attributes

Geographic Coverage of Data: U.S. Class I Railroads
Time Span of Data Source: 1988-1992
First Developed: 1994
Media: CD-ROM

Sponsoring Organization

U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Availability

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Rail Shipments From and To California, 1994 *

Originated within California: major commodities shipped by rail, ranked by weight		
Commodity	Tonnage	Percent of state total
Mixed freight	15,101,662	33
Food products	6,620,689	14
Chemicals	3,292,757	7
Primary metal products	2,943,718	6
Glass and stone	2,902,128	6

Terminated within California: major commodities shipped by rail, ranked by weight		
Commodity	Tonnage	Percent of state total
Mixed freight	16,027,897	21
Chemicals	8,257,417	11
Food products	7,980,968	11
Farm products	7,282,182	10
Primary metal products	5,831,126	8

*The five largest (by tonnage terminated and originated) of the 36 two-digit Standard Transportation Commodity Code groupings, and the percentage that commodity represents of all tonnage handled within the state.

SOURCE: Rail Waybill Data, compiled by the DOT Surface Transportation Board (formerly part of the Interstate Commerce Commission) and the DOT Federal Railroad Administration (Washington, DC: 1996).